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SUBJECT: ASYLUM FOR VIETNAMESE DIPLOMATES (CONSUL GENERAL
VUONG HOA DUC & FAMILY, VICE CONSUL, VU TRU LO & FAMILY)

REF: HONG KONG 4911; STATE 107846

1. CONGEN HAS CONVEYED TO CONSUL GENERAL DUC AND VICE CONSUL LO THE
DEPARTMENT'S DECISION TO DENY ASYLUM STATUS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
VIETNAMESE CONSULATE GENERAL AND THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THEY APPLY
THROUGH INS UNDER 203 (A) (7).

2. WE ASK THAT THE DEPARTMENT RECONSIDER THE DENIAL OF ASYLUM STATUS
TO COL. LO AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT ALSO GRANT THIS STATUS TO CONSUL
GENERAL DUC. WE MAKE THIS PROPOSAL BECAUSE WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE
THAT BOTH PERSONS ARE IN CLEAR DANGER IN HONG KONG. WE HAVE NOT TOLD
EITHER PERSON OF THE "CLEAR DANGER" CONSIDERATION BUT, EACH HAS STATE
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THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED THREATENING LETTERS AND CALLS SINCE
THE FALL OF SAIGON. CONSUL GENERAL DUC HAS MENTIONED THIS
ON THREE DIFFERENT OCCASIONS AND HE HAS TAKEN THESE THREATS
SUFFICIENTLY SERIOUSLY TO MOVE FROM HIS HOME, REPORT THE MATTER
TO THE POLICE, AND TO BE EXTREMELY CHARY ABOUT RELEASING HIS
PHONE NUMBER. HE DECLINED TO GIVE IT TO US BUT PROMISED TO
KEEP IN TOUCH. MR. DUC HAS BEEN AN EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE AND
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HELPFUL TO THIS CONSULATE. ON THE BASIS OF FACTS THAT HE HAS

TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO OBTAIN ENTRY INTO ANOTHER COUNTRY, HAS BEEN AN EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD FRIEND TO THE USG, AND IS NOW IN A SITUATION OF "CLEAR DANGER", WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT HE BE GRANTED ASYLUM STATUS IN THE UNITED STATES.

3. THE SAME FACTORS HOLD TRUE FOR COL. LO WHOSE TIES TO THE UNITED STATES ARE BOTH PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL. AS MENTIONED IN THE REF CABLE HE HAS STUDIED IN THE US UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE US ARMY AND HAS SENT HIS CHILDREN THERE FOR THEIR EDUCATION. COL. LE HAS ALSO BEEN THE RECIPIENT OF THREATENING LETTERS AND GIVEN HIS MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BACKGROUND, IT APPEARS TO US THAT THEY SHOULD BE ACCEPTED AS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OF CLEAR DANGER TO HIS LIFE.

4. FOR THESE REASONS WE STRONGLY URGE THAT THE DEPARTMENT GRANT BOTH MR. DUC AND COL. LO ASYLUM STATUS. SHOULD THE DEPARTMENT BE UNABLE TO DO THIS WE REQUEST WITH EQUAL URGENCY THAT INS HONG KONG BE AUTHORIZED TO PROCESS THE APPLICATIONS OF MR. DUC AND COL. LO AND FAMILIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, REGARDLESS OF THEIR POSITIONS ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE WAITING LIST FOR P-7 APPLICANTS.

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